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CITY BEGINS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE HICKS-LOGAN-SAWYER DISTRICT MASTER PLAN

New Bedford- Mayor Scott W. Lang is committed to the development of a Master Plan, an Urban Renewal Plan and a District Improvement Financing Plan for the Hicks-Logan-Sawyer (HLS) District. This inclusive process will create a plan for future growth and redevelopment possibilities in the HLS District that will define goals, identify objectives and create a vision that best reflects the community's needs.

This effort is being led by the Planning Department and their consultants, BSC

Terrasphere, who will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday**, **July 24**th **at 6pm at Coastline Elderly Services** located at 1646 Purchase Street, New Bedford. This meeting will provide the public with a venue to voice their visions and ideas for the future of our city, as well as disseminate information to the public on the urban renewal process and district improvement financing methods. The meeting is intended to examine issues in the HLS District from varied perspectives to derive the best possible course of action. A community's greatest resource is its residents and the Mayor encourages all citizens to participate in this meeting to help shape the HLS District.